

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Step 1. 1. A method for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages, the method comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) allowing a user to purchase at least a portion of the album, the portion of the
4 album including a portion of the plurality of pages;
- 5 (b) allowing the user to set a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, at
6 least one default of the plurality of plurality of defaults capable of being altered using
7 information provided by the user;
- 8 (c) receiving from the user the information, if any, and a plurality of images
9 captured using a digital imaging device;
- 10 (d) altering the at least one default if the user has provided the information;
- 11 (e) providing the portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults;
12 and
- 13 (f) allowing the user access to the at least the portion of the album.

Step 2. 1. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to
2 receiving the plurality of images from the user.

1. 3. The method of claim 3 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to the
2 plurality of images being captured.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving step (a) further includes the step
2 of:

3 (c1) receiving from the user the information, if any, and the plurality of images
4 directly from the digital imaging device.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the album is a printed photo album and
2 wherein the access allowing step (f) further includes the step of:

3 (f1) providing the portion of the plurality of pages to the user.

1 ~~502~~ 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images
2 include sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages further
3 includes the steps of:

4 (e1) printing the portion of the plurality of pages; and
5 (e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the
6 plurality of images.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism includes a printed stripe
2 playable by a scanning device and wherein the providing step (e1) further includes the step
3 of:

4 (e1i) providing the scanning device to the user.

1 ~~502~~ 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism providing step (e2) further
2 includes the step of:

3 (e2i) providing a user playable device within a second portion of the portion of the
4 plurality of pages, the second portion of the plurality of pages including the portion of the
5 plurality of images including sound.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a caption and wherein the providing step (e) further includes the step of:

3 (e1) providing the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein caption providing step (e1)
3 further includes the step of:

4 (e1i) reading the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
5 images;

6 (e1ii) converting the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
7 images to a text caption; and

8 (e1iii) printing the text caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes a page layout.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes a page style.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a category and wherein the at least one default includes a photo album

organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes selecting
2 image analysis for the plurality of images.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchase step (a) further includes the step
2 of:

3 (a1) allowing the user to purchase the at least the plurality of pages from a remote
4 location.

16. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default selecting step (a)
2 further includes the step of:

3 (a1) allowing the user to select the at least one default from a remote location.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include
2 sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages (e) further
3 includes the steps of:

4 (e1) archiving the portion of the plurality of pages; and
5 (e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the
6 plurality of images.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a caption and wherein the archiving step (e1) further includes the step of:

3 (e1i) providing the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein caption providing step (e1i)
3 further includes the step of:

4 (e1ia) reading the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
5 images;

6 (e1ib) converting the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
7 images to a text caption; and

8 (e1iic) printing the text caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 *Sys* 20 A system for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages,
2 the system comprising:

3 at least one storage subsystem for storing an identity of a user who has purchased at
4 least a portion of the album and a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, a portion of
5 the plurality of defaults capable of being set by the user, at least one default of the plurality
6 of plurality of defaults capable of being altered using information provided by the user; and

7 a server for receiving a plurality of images captured by a digital camera and provided
8 by the user, the server also for receiving information provided by the user, if any, altering
9 the at least one default if the user has provided the information, the server for providing the
10 portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults.

1 *Sub* 21. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the

2 plurality of pages prior to the server receiving the plurality of images.

1 22. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the
2 plurality of pages prior to the plurality of images being captured.

1 23. The system of claim 20 wherein the server receives from the user the
2 information, if any, and the plurality of images directly from the digital imaging device.

1 24. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a printed album and wherein the
2 system further includes:

3 a printing means for printing the portion of the plurality of pages.

1 25. The system of claim 24 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images
2 include sound and the system further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1 26. The system of claim 25 wherein the printing means further prints a stripe
2 playable by a scanning device and wherein the scanning device is provided to the user.

1 27. The system of claim 24 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a caption and wherein the printing means further provide the caption for
3 each of the portion of the plurality of images.

50 28. The system of claim 27 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein server further reads the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

1 29. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page 2 layout.

1 30. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page style.

1 31. The system of claim 20 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of 2 images includes a category, and wherein the at least one default includes an album 3 organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image and 4 wherein the server further categorizes the portion of the plurality of images.

1 32. The system of claim 20 wherein the server is further capable of providing 2 image analysis.

1 33. The system of claim 32 wherein the at least one default includes selecting 2 image analysis for the plurality of images.

1 34. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a web album and the system 2 further includes:

3 a database for archiving the plurality of images in the portion of the plurality of
4 pages.

1 35. The system of claim 34 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include
2 sound and wherein the server further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1 36. The system of claim 35 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a caption and wherein the database further archives the caption for each of
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1 37. The system of claim 36 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and the server further reads the user-recorded
3 caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-recorded
4 caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

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